Mobilising support against Pakistan supported terrorism

†519. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to mobilise international community against Pakistan sponsored terrorism due to failure of its foreign policy;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that our existing foreign policy is influenced by America?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The international community is aware that Pakistan continues to sponsor cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country. The terrorist attacks against the Jammu and Kashmir State Assembly and the Awantipura Airport Station on 1st October and 22nd October respectively further highlighted this fact. There is widespread acknowledgement in the international community that there can be no justification for terrorism and that it has to be eradicated wherever it exists.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. India's foreign policy is determined solely by India's supreme national interest.

Service of millitants by Indian Youth in Gulf

520. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'The Times of India' dated the 26th September, 2001, under the heading "Indian youth in Gulf made to serve militants"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto and what corrective steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has seen the news. Our enquiries indicate that the information in the said news items is not factually correct.

(b) Does not arise.

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